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All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, ex parte prosecution is SUSPENDED from the date of this letter.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Brannock, whose telephone number is (703) 306-5876. Dr. Brannock can generally be reached Monday through Friday from 9:00AM to 4:30PM.

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